#### SAVE THE DATE:



Shabbat with Rabbi Mike Comins and Judd Grossman 6 p.m., March 4 Old Wilson School



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • MARCH 2011

# Letter from the president

Haven't heard from Uncle Moishe for 3 weeks now other then a "Wish you were here" postcard from the Kona Coast of the Big Island, Hawaii. He and my Aunt are on an extended vacation in the Islands. He hasn't been out of the continental USA since he served in the Korean War. Knowing my Uncle I bet he'll have some great stories to tell of his adventures in paradise.

Charlene and I, ourselves, just returned from a week visiting her sister and husband in Tampa, FLA. While there I had the opportunity to attend a Shabbous service at a local shul on a Saturday morning and as luck would have it there was a Bas Mitzvah making it an extra special occasion. The young lady called to the Torah did a wonderful job despite having, like Moses is purported to have had, a speech impediment that, I gathered, she apparently had been born with. She displayed great poise during the ceremony and you could tell she really had worked hard on her Torah and Haftorah readings. In her address to the congregation she courageously emphasized her impediment as a challenge to be overcome and not something to shrink from. She reminded us that we all face our own trials and tribulations in life and that if we try hard enough and if we have the support of family and faith in G-d we too can overcome the hurdles we face. It was a strong and wise message from one so young.

As you know we have two holidays coming up soon, Purim in March and Passover in April. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find details. I would like to encourage you all to come to at least one if not both events. They are both family oriented and promise to be lots of fun. We are still looking for volunteers to help with both events, as well. So, please call the office and talk to Mary if you can lend a hand.

> B'Shalom, Al Zuckerman JHJC President

### **SHABBAT THIS WEEK**

Babysitting available. Oneg to follow.



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Shabbat with Rabbi Mike Comins and Chazzan Judd Grossman

When: Friday, March 4, 6 p.m. Where: Old Wilson School House Join former JHJC Rabbi, Mike Comins, for our monthly Shabbat. DIRECTORS 2010

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#### Jewish Pet of the Month



Kobi Grossman

Still looking for Jewish Pets of the Month! If you have a pet that you would like featured in our newsletter, please e-mail a picture to info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

### CALENDAR

JHJC New Office Hours Wednesdays from 1 – 5pm Fridays from 1 – 5pm

**March 3: Toddler sing-along.** Join the Bet Sefer students and teachers from 4:15 – 4:45 pm. LDS church

March 4: Shabbat with Rabbi Mike Comins and Chazzan Judd Grossman. 6 p.m. Old Wilson Schoolhouse. Oneg to follow.

March 4: Reboot's National Day of Unplugging. Take the Reboot challenge and try giving your devices the "boot" for one day. http://www.sabbathmanifesto.org/unplug

**March 19 Purim Retro Bowling.** Hey Cats, dig the gig at the Elk's Bowling Alley. 7 – 9:30 p.m. Potluck, \$7 at the door. Bowling, music ... fun.

March 28 – April 8 Spring Break. No Bet Sefer classes March 30 or April 7.

April 15 : Shabbat with JHJC community members. Details in April newsletter.

April 30: Holocaust Remembrance Commemoration. We

will commemorate the National Days of Holocaust



Remembrance with a names reading ceremony at the **Black Box Theater.** Reading the names of men, women and children killed during the Holocaust is a very personal way of remembering and honoring these individuals. Members of Community are invited to share names of family members for the ceremony. Please submit to JHJC office. Also, we are in the need of mirrors for our Remembrance display. Want to help with the ceremony? Please contact Christine Schuller at 699.0334 or JHJC Office.

JHJC sends a special Todah Rabah to Dr. Brent Blue and JH Weekly for donating the production of this newsletter each month.

# SATURDAY MARCH 19 • 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.



When: Erev Purim, Saturday, March 19, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Where: Elk's Bowling Alley, Downtown Jackson
Details: Dress in 50s/60s retro costume for the costume contest, listen to great 50s music and bowl. Kids can hit the soda fountain while mom and dad hit the cash bar. Who knows, maybe Elvis will show up and read the Megillah! \$7 per person: includes bowling, bowling shoes, kids food, soda fountain and other surprises. Potluck for all other food, if your last name starts with A-J, bring a side dish, K-R bring a main dish, S-Z bring a salad. Dessert provided.

#### **Come in Retro dress!**



#### **Community led Passover Seder**

The JHJC Community Seder gives us the opportunity to celebrate Passover with our Jackson family. **Our 2011 Seder will be at the Old Wilson School, Tuesday, April 19, 5:30.** This year, we are trying to keep the price as low as possible while keeping thequality and leadership as high as possible.

We are finalizing the per person cost now and will inform all of our members after the March 2 Board meeting.

As always, no one should not attend because of the price. Everyone is welcome regardless of their ability to pay the full price, and we hope to encourage those who can afford to, to add a little more to their ticket purchase to help sponsor others.

We will also need volunteers to help set up and clean up. And will anyone volunteer to read in Hebrew? Contact: info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

### **SCENES FROM FEBRUARY 2011**

#### SHABBAT AND ONEG ON ICE COOKING: CHICKEN SOUP











Top: February Shabbat with Rabbi Andy Feig and Oneg on Ice at the Wilson Ice Rink.

Left: Traditional Jewish Cooking: Chicken Soup with Kelly Zelikovitz.

# **MANY THANKS**

■ Andy King (one-day ski pass to JHMR) and Kim and Gary Weiss (\$50 gift card to Vom Fass) for donating prizes for the JHJC Membership survey.

 Kelly Zelikovitz for teaching Chicken Soup class in February.
 Stan and Barbara

**Trachtenberg** for sponsoring Rabbi Andy Feig for the February Shabbat as well as hosting adult study at their home.

■ Andy King for donating his fire pit to the Oneg on Ice at the February Shabbat.

■ Christine Schuller for sponsoring a terrific Oneg on Ice at the Wilson Ice Rink for February Shabbat.

■ To Larry Thal, Larry Rieser, Josh and Kalen Kleyman, Laurie Thal, Christine Schuller, Mike and Barb Scher, Scott Stachel and Diane for helping to clean up Oneg at the Wilson Ice Rink for February Shabbat.

# CONDOLENCES

Andrea Rosenthal for the loss of her beloved Father.

## MAZEL TOV!

■ Jamie Dakis and Susie Blasko for winning the JHJC membership survey prizes.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

■ Passover Seder committee volunteers for our April 19 Seder at Old Wilson School. We need volunteers for set up, Seder plates and Charoset.

Clean up volunteers after the Purim
 Party at the Bowling Alley March 19.
 We need people to help with the
 Holocaust Remembrance Day exhibit at the Black Box Theatre.



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The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is committed to creating a diverse Jewish presence that unites us, celebrates our faith and promotes tolerance in the greater Jackson community. We strive to engage all families and individuals in spirituality, education, tzedakah and the joys of Jewish life.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF UNPLUGGING SHABBAT, MARCH 4

The week is characterized by busyness or activity, while the Sabbath is grounded on stillness, on the nullification of oneself in the downpour of holiness. And this self-repudiation is expressed by a renunciation of all work,

whether it be in the physical sense, as being busy in the world, or in the spiritual sense, as engaging efforts to correct one's soul. In fact, the very power to receive the spiritual essence of the Sabbath comes from one's readiness and ability to surrender...

— Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, The Thirteen Petalled Rose

Can you surrender your cell phone, sign out of email, stop your Facebook and Twitter updates for 24 hours? Are you ready to take the unplug challenge based on the Sabbath Manifesto's core principle to "avoid technology?" Starting at sundown Friday March 4th people from across the Nation will participate in the National Day of Unplugging "to cease" and to slow down from our increasingly hectic world and to reconnect with family, community and themselves. Are you ready to join us for the National Day of Unplugging? ((Write in and share with us what it was like to "unplug." We want to hear your stories!)) For more information visit www.sabbathmanifesto.org.